# Executive Proclamation
## State of South Dakota
## Office of the Governor

***Whereas***, Professional truck drivers deliver important goods safely to every home, community, school, hospital, and business in America, traveling more than 430 billion miles delivering 10.7 billion tons of freight each year; and,

***Whereas***, The more than 3.5 million men and women professional truck drivers who serve this nation are among the safest of all drivers, and are dedicated to safety on our highways and in our workplaces, to the industry they work in, and to the citizens of this country; and,

***Whereas***, The men and women professional truck drivers of the state of South Dakota safely deliver more than 75,000 tons of freight each day to over 71 percent of South Dakota communities that depend solely on the professional truck drivers to receive their goods; and,

***Whereas***, The professional truck drivers who keep the shelves of our local supermarkets fully stocked, deliver medicine and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics, and deliver goods at every stage of production, from raw materials to the store shelf, should be honored; and,

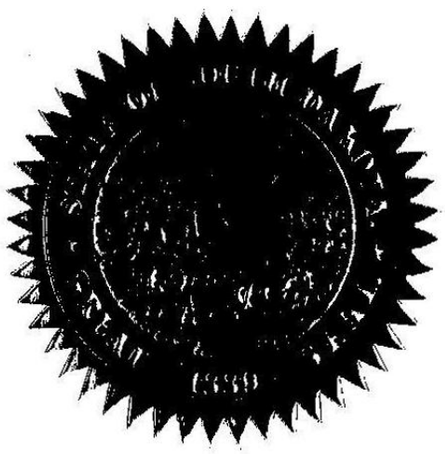
***Whereas***, The citizens of South Dakota should take a moment to recognize the significant contributions of our professional truck drivers as they efficiently and safely ship our goods around the state and across state lines throughout America; and,

***Whereas***, In recognition of the importance of professional truck drivers to our well-being and the economic value of their industry to South Dakota, it is fitting and proper as governor to honor the men and women truck drivers for their past and future contributions:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 1-7, 2009, as

## TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon individuals and organizations, business and industry leaders, educators, the communications media, and the citizens of South Dakota to join me and South Dakota governmental agencies in observing this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and expressing gratitude to America's truckers for their professionalism and commitment to safety.



***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State